

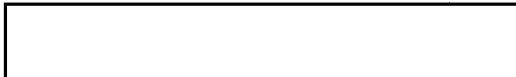


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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY  
WEST POINT, NEW YORK 10996

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Office of the Director, Central Intelligence  
Intelligence Community Staff  
Washington, D.C. 20505

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Dear 

Having already requested your return to West Point on March 13th to give an evening presentation on The Role of the DCI in the Intelligence Community to the cadets in our National Security Seminar, I hesitate to presume further. However, I do wish to request an additional favor for a very special purpose. Each spring, our Department sponsors a trip to Washington, D.C. for forty cadets who are members of the Debate Council and Forum. These cadets have a special interest in national security policy. Some are debaters who have competed in intercollegiate tournaments all year on the national debate topic "Resolved: that the power of the presidency should be significantly curtailed." Many of the cases debated by other universities have called for abolition of the CIA. Our cadets have not, to my knowledge, lost to such a case all year. Many of the other cadets have represented the Military Academy in student conferences on U.S. affairs at colleges and universities throughout the nation. The trip to Washington is considered a capstone to their year of extra-curricular educational involvements in public policy issues. They are given briefings by the Department of State, the NSC Staff, ISA, the JCS, the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and the House Ways and Means Committee. It would be most valuable and interesting for these cadets to have an exposure to the human beings who constitute the Central Intelligence Agency about which they have studied.

Is it possible for you to arrange a briefing from 10:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M. on Saturday, April 5th? A presentation of about 30 minutes on the major functions of the CIA, followed by a question and answer period of 30 minutes (or a bit longer, if there is mutual interest in extending the discussion), would be ideal. It is inevitable, given the unfortunate notoriety of the times, that the cadets would be interested in topics

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in the news. But, they are a receptive audience who can understand the tradeoffs involved in the dilemmas of intelligence requirements versus moral and legal constraints. The presentation could be classified or off the record and the caveats involved would be honored.

But, why am I explaining this to you? You should understand the cadets well already through your presentations here over the past five years. They have always respected your straight-forward approach and your challenge of ideas. It would be a great service if you could arrange a presentation for them.

We are looking forward to your return to West Point on March 13th. Please try to arrange a flight into LaGuardia any time before 3:30. I will meet you with a sedan.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bill".

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NOTE FOR THE DIRECTOR

Bill:

STAT I've suggested [ ] accept the invitation to go to West Point and he has done so. IC Staff also feels we should provide session requested on 5 April. All present at Wednesday's a.m. meeting felt briefing is in order. DDCI checks to you.

STAT I have advised Jack Blake in the thought that CTR can make arrangements. (Jack Blake may use [ ] to do the 30-minute briefing with IC participation.) If you're here that morning and you approved this idea, you may want to drop in.

Recommend you approve the 5 April session.

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cc: DDCI

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